



Wednesday, May 13, 2020
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 7:04 p.m. The meeting was held in a virtual setting, with all Councilmembers attending via Zoom, and the meeting being broadcast via the Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

A brief introduction was provide by Mayor Joe of the current protocols in place in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

ROLL CALL

Present via Councilmembers Cacciotti, Khubesrian, and Schneider; Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud;
Zoom: and Mayor Joe.

Absent: None

City Staff City Manager DeWolfe (in attendance via Zoom); City Attorney Teresa Highsmith
Present: (in attendance via Zoom); Fire Chief Riddle; Police Chief Joe Ortiz; and Chief City Clerk Ayala were present at Roll Call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Robert Joe deferred the leading of the flag salute to Police Chief Joe Ortiz. Police Chief Joe Ortiz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Briefing by Congresswoman Judy Chu on National Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Mayor Joe introduced Congresswoman Judy Chu.

Congresswoman Chu, Representing California's 27th Congressional District (in attendance via Zoom) provided an update on the various National responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Council had questions and comments for Congresswoman Chu regarding: bipartisan commission bills; concerns on current presidential administration; nation's healthcare system; loans applicable to landlords; potential economic stimulus modifications; ways Cities can show support for the HEROES Act; etc.

Congresswoman Chu responded questions and comments and added additional information.

No public comment was submitted for this item.

PRESENTATION

2. South Pasadena COVID-19 Update

Fire Chief Riddle provided a PowerPoint presentation on overall City update and a Fire Department update; Police Chief Joe Ortiz provided a verbal update for the Police Department; and City Manager DeWolfe provided an update from Los Angeles County regarding restrictions on businesses, outdoor recreational facilities, and gatherings.

City Council had comments and questions regarding: COVID-19 testing sites; the City's COVID-19 cases; COVID-19 testing capacities; COVID-19 tracing processes; reimbursements for City's COVID-19 related costs; police patrolling; mask requirements; unhoused residents; bike parks; etc.

Chief Riddle, Chief Ortiz, and City Manager DeWolfe responded accordingly.

No public comment was submitted for this item.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

3. Discussion Regarding Regulation of Third Party Food Delivery Services (No Staff Report)

Councilmember Khubesrian introduced the item and provided background information for discussion.

City Council held discussion regarding the percentages due to the third party food delivery services; adoption of a percentage cap on third party food delivery services; service fee increases; anti-gauging; neighboring Cities with similar issues; etc.

Laurie Wheeler, Chamber of Commerce President, spoke about local business concerns regarding the third party food delivery services.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud made a motion to send a letter to Supervisor Barger supporting the implementation of a countywide price cap on third party food delivery services fees. Councilmember Cacciotti made an amendment to also send the letter to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and suggested sending a letter for an investigation on price gauging by third party food delivery food services.

City Attorney Highsmith advised City Council on filing a formal complaint.

City Council directed City Manager DeWolfe to send the letter Supervisor Barger and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments supporting the implementation of a countywide price cap on third party food delivery service fees.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Joe announced the next regular City Council Meeting on May 20th. There being no further business, at 8:50 p.m. Mayor Joe adjourned the meeting.

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